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SUBJ: ICRC DECISION TO WITHDRAW CYPRUS MISSION

REF: GENEVA 2877

1. ICRC DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS HOCKE REAFFIRMED TO DEPT DEPUTY COORDINATOR FOR HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS SIEVERTS (IN GENEVA FOR HUMANITARIAN LAW CONFERENCE) ICRC'S DECISION TO WITHDRAW ITS DELEGATION FROM CYPRUS AS OF JUNE 30 (REFTEL).

2. AS STATED REFTTEL ICRC FEELS FRUSTRATED ON CYPRUS IN ITS TRADITIONAL ROLE OF ASSISTING PRISONERS, SEARCHING FOR THE MISSING, AND REUNITING FAMILIES, AND THINKS THESE TASKS WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY AN ICRC DELEGATION WHICH WOULD GO BACK AND FORTH TO CYPRUS RATHER THAN BEING THERE FULL TIME. HE SAID ICRC WOULD COMPLETE THE US FUNDED HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE PROGRAM BEFORE DEPARTING.

3. COMMENT: WE RECALL AMBASSADOR DRAWFORD AND DEPT OFFICERS
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LAST YEAR ENCOURAGED ICRC TO CONTINUE ITS PROGRAM IN CYPRUS.

THEIR DECISION NOW TO PHASE DOWN APPEARS FIRM, ALTHOUGH THEY
INSIST IT DOES NOT REPRESENT ANY LESSENING OF THEIR COMMITMENT
IN PRINCIPLE TO ASSIST HUMANITARIAN PROBLEMS
IN CYPRUS. NICOSIA MAY WISH TO COMMENT ON ICRC WITHDRAWAL
DECISION. DALE

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